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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
PIERRE JEANVOINE : EXAMINER: COLAIANNI, M.
SERIAL NO: 09/646,880 :
FILED: JANUARY 26, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1731
FOR: METHOD FOR PREPARING RAW:
MATERIALS FOR GLASS-MAKING

AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action of September 26, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1-18 as in the attached marked-up copy to read as follows:

1. (Amended) Process for manufacturing compounds based on one or more silicates of alkali metals and/or alkaline-earth metals and/or rare earths, optionally in the form of mixed silicates which combine at least two of these elements, by the conversion of silica and of halides or sulfates or nitrates of the said alkali metals and/or of the said rare earth and/or of the said alkaline-earth metals, said conversion taking place in a mass containing molten materials and containing the products undergoing the reaction of conversion and the formed products, wherein the heat necessary for this conversion is supplied by one or more submerged burners causing turbulence within said mass.

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